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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Earl J. Votolato

Application No.: 10/010,158  
Filed: November 13, 2001  
For: Bag Slitting Apparatus

Group No.: 3724  
Examiner: T. Druan

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Attn: Board of Patent Appeals

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.191)

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner, mailed December 4, 2002, finally rejecting claims 1-6.

1. STATUS OF APPLICANT

This application is on behalf of a small entity. A statement was already filed on November 13, 2001.

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**3. EXTENSION OF TERM**

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R.1.136 apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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